



Ordinance Number 556

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE BY REQUIRING THE EXTERMINATION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES BY A LICENSED EXTERMINATING COMPANY.

Sponsored By: 4th District Councilman Charles McKewen

5th District Councilwoman Joann I. Personti

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to take reasonable steps to reduce the increasing presence of insects which are being reported in rental properties

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE AS FOLLOWS:

That Section 182-1 Definitions of Chapter 182 of the Code of the Town of Elsmere be amended by adding a definition of “Extermination” to read as follows.

Extermination: The inspection of the "Rental Unit" by a pest control company licensed in the State of Delaware and the Town of Elsmere for the purpose of identifying the presence of bed bugs, roaches, ants and other insects and a certification by that company that these insects or bugs are not present in the unit or that the unit has been properly treated to exterminate the presence of any of these insects or bugs.

That Section 182-3 Inspections of Chapter 182 of the Code of the Town of Elsmere be amended by adding a new Section 182-3 F, to read as follows.

182-3 F In addition to the other requirements of this Chapter, no Code Officer or authorized deputy shall permit the occupancy or a change in occupancy to any Rental Unit until the owner of said unit provides the Code Enforcement officer with written proof that the property to be occupied has been exterminated in accordance with this Chapter within a period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) days prior to the occupancy of the Rental Unit by its occupants.

Extermination in accordance with this Chapter shall be required within a period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) days prior to every change in occupancy of the Rental Unit.

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Deborah A. Norkavage, Mayor

Joann I. Personti, Secretary

Approved as to form:

Town Solicitor

SYNOPSIS

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This Ordinance requires the owners of licensed rental units to ensure that their rental property is professionally exterminated every time the occupancy of the unit changes.

Fiscal Impact:

None